PRICE OF RICE—ENHANCEMENT OF

62. **Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the Government recently raised the price of rice from 5 annas 8 pies to 6 annas per edangazhi;

(*b*) what is the reason for it?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Minister for Food and Revenue*):

(*a*) Yes, with effect from 1st Chingam 1123.

(*b*) The pooled cost price of rice is much higher than the selling prices and the loss is met by Government subsidy. With a view to reduce the subsidy, the selling price was raised to 6 annas per edangazhi. Even now the selling price is lower than the cost price.

VIVEKODAYAM SCHOOLS—BRANCH—OPENING OF

63. **Mr. K. I. Velayudhan** (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*):

(*a*) will Government be pleased to state whether any printed notices were issued by the management of the Vivekodayam High Schools, Trichur, setting forth reasons for opening branches at Punkunnam;

(*b*) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative will Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House copies of every such printed notice so issued by the said management?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Prime Minister*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy each of the two printed appeals is appended. (Appendix II)

64. **Mr. K. I. Velayudhan** (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a caste-war statement of pupils studying in the respective classes of the branch of the Vivekodayam Girls' High School at Punkunnam?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Prime Minister*):

	Class 4	*Class 1*
Brahmins	28	3
Nayars	16	11
Chakkan	3	..
Thattan	2	..
Mangalore Brahmin	1	..
Muslims	2	..
Ambalavasi	..	2
Vaniyan	..	2
Ezhuvas	..	5
Kanakkan	..	1

BAN ON OORID—LIFTING OF

65. **Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) did the Minister for Food receive a telegram dated 28th Chingam 1123 from the Trichur Merchant's Association stating that steps should be taken to lift the ban on the import of Oorid from Nizam State;

(*b*) if so, what action has been done by the Government in the matter?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Minister for Food and Revenue*):

(*a*) Yes. The telegram is dated 27th August 1947 (11th Chingam 1123).

(*b*) The request was not allowed since the Oorid available to the State from Hyderabad and necessary for distribution here is being purchased by the Government direct.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY—COCHIN REPRESENTATIVE—ATTENDANCE REGARDING

66. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Vadakkancheri*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) did Cochin's representative in the Indian Constituent Assembly attend the August Session of the Constituent Assembly;

(*b*) what were the subjects discussed in the August Session of the Constituent Assembly?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Prime Minister*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Union Powers Committee Report, Fundamental Rights of Minorities, Joint electorates and Reservation of seats, appointment of a committee to scrutinise the draft of the text of the Constitution of India, etc.

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